

David Bertschi Conservative Candidate for Orléans

1. What was / has been your occupation before entering politics?

I served as a trial lawyer and small business owner. I served as an Assistant Crown Attorney and as a Human Rights Prosecutor.

2. Do you live in the riding and, if so, how long has it been your home?

I have been a proud resident of Orléans for over 30 years. I raised my family here, and I run a small business here.

3. What has been your main involvement with your community outside of work (volunteer activities, etc.)?

I have volunteered with the Orléans Chamber of Commerce, the Orléans Rotary Club, the Gloucester-Cumberland Community Resource Center, Project Quick Start for children with Autism, and the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #632.

4. In your life, what event, or book, or speech, or song or even TV show has made the biggest impression on you and your political thinking? Why?

The event that had the single biggest impact on my life was when I was eight, my father had left, and my mother was working long hours, I had to answer the door and tell the bill collectors my mother was working and we had no money.

These are things an eight-year-old shouldn't have to do. Every day watching my mother do what she did, putting food on the table and making sure despite the challenges I had the best childhood I could, made me appreciate hard work, and taught me to never take anything for granted.

5. What previous politician, (alive or dead, but not currently in parliament) is a role model for you?

I always looked up to John and Robert Kennedy. I was profoundly moved when JFK said "Ask not what your country can do for you – ask what you can do for your country." I took this message to heart and decided I wanted to dedicate my life to service to my country and community.

Robert Kennedy was an inspiration because I saw him as a principled politician who stood up to racism and persevered despite the pressure and the tragedy he and his family experienced.

6. What policy in your party's platform do you think matters most to the people in your riding?

Our policies on affordability are the most important to the people of Orléans. Gasoline, home heating, groceries, real estate, and pretty much everything is costing more. The Liberal government is a big reason life is getting more and more expensive.

I hear every day at the doors from people struggling to get by. Young families are telling me they can't afford to put their kids into hockey or art classes. Seniors on fixed incomes tell me how worried they are about paying their next utility bill.

We are running to champion those who want to get ahead, not just by.

7. Recent polls suggest many Canadians are disillusioned with politics. If elected, what would you do to address those concerns?

There are a lot of politicians, our Prime minister included, that speak out of both sides of their mouth, promising one thing to one group, and the exact opposite to another. This ruins public trust and hurts respect for our Canadian institutions. I will be a Member of Parliament that stays true to my values and speaks the truth in promoting and protecting the best interests of my constituents. I will always be Orléans voice in Parliament not Parliament's voice in Orléans.